GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a final decision to dereserve some of the items of the small scale industrial sector by April, 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to protect the SSI units which manufacture some of the items which are likely to lose the protection against imports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGF RURAL INDUSTRIES (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b): In the Union Budget 2001-2002, it has been proposed to dereserve 14 items related to leather goods, shoes and toys for enabling higher, investment and technology upgradation in these sectors.

(c): The Government announced a comprehensive policy package on 30.8.2000 to protect the interest of the small scale sector. The package includes enhanced fiscal and credit support, better infrastructural and marketing facilities and incentives for technology upgradation. The major objective of the policy package is to strengthen the SSI Sector and enhance its competitiveness both domestically and globally.